

## Exercise 12

Consider the unusual eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{aligned} -v_{xx} &= \lambda v && \text{for } 0 < x < l \\ v_x(0) &= v_x(l) = \frac{v(l) - v(0)}{l}. \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Show that  $\lambda = 0$  is a double eigenvalue.  
 (b) Get an equation for the positive eigenvalues  $\lambda > 0$ .  
 (c) Letting  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}l\sqrt{\lambda}$ , reduce the equation in part (b) to the equation

$$\gamma \sin \gamma \cos \gamma = \sin^2 \gamma.$$

- (d) Use part (c) to find half of the eigenvalues explicitly and half of them graphically.  
 (e) Assuming that all the eigenvalues are nonnegative, make a list of all the eigenfunctions.  
 (f) Solve the problem  $u_t = ku_{xx}$  for  $0 < x < l$ , with the BCs given above, and with  $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$ .  
 (g) Show that, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lim u(x, t) = A + Bx$  for some constants  $A, B$ , assuming that you can take limits term by term.

### Solution

#### Part (a)

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then the differential equation simplifies to

$$v_{xx} = 0.$$

Integrate both sides with respect to  $x$ .

$$v_x = C_1$$

Integrate both sides with respect to  $x$  once more to solve for  $v(x)$ .

$$v(x) = C_1x + C_2$$

Now apply the boundary conditions to determine  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

$$v_x(0) = v_x(l) = \frac{v(l) - v(0)}{l} \quad \rightarrow \quad C_1 = C_1 = \frac{C_1l + C_2 - C_2}{l}$$

The boundary conditions don't tell us anything, so  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  remain undetermined. Since there are two arbitrary constants in the formula for  $v(x)$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  is a double eigenvalue.

**Part (b)**

Assuming that  $\lambda > 0$ , the general solution to the differential equation,

$$v_{xx} = -\lambda v,$$

can be written in terms of sine and cosine.

$$v(x) = C_3 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}x + C_4 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}x$$

Now apply the boundary conditions to determine  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} v_x(0) = v_x(l) &= \frac{v(l) - v(0)}{l} \\ \rightarrow C_4\sqrt{\lambda} &= -C_3\sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l + C_4\sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda}l = \frac{C_3 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}l + C_4 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l - C_3}{l} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Consider the first equation in equation (1).

$$C_4\sqrt{\lambda} = -C_3\sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l + C_4\sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda}l$$

Solve it for  $C_3$ .

$$C_4 = -C_3 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l + C_4 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}l$$

$$C_3 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l = (\cos \sqrt{\lambda}l - 1)C_4$$

$$C_3 = \frac{\cos \sqrt{\lambda}l - 1}{\sin \sqrt{\lambda}l} C_4$$

Now consider the second equation in equation (1).

$$C_4\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{C_3 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}l + C_4 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l - C_3}{l}$$

$$C_4\sqrt{\lambda}l = C_3 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}l + C_4 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l - C_3$$

$$C_4(\sqrt{\lambda}l - \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l) = (\cos \sqrt{\lambda}l - 1)C_3$$

$$C_4 = \frac{\cos \sqrt{\lambda}l - 1}{\sqrt{\lambda}l - \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l} C_3$$

Substitute the formula for  $C_3$  on the right side.

$$C_4 = \frac{\cos \sqrt{\lambda}l - 1}{\sqrt{\lambda}l - \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l} \cdot \frac{\cos \sqrt{\lambda}l - 1}{\sin \sqrt{\lambda}l} C_4$$

Therefore, the equation for the positive eigenvalues is

$$(\sqrt{\lambda}l - \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l) \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l = (\cos \sqrt{\lambda}l - 1)^2.$$

**Part (c)**

Make the substitution

$$2\gamma = \sqrt{\lambda}l \quad (2)$$

so that the equation for the positive eigenvalues becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (2\gamma - \sin 2\gamma) \sin 2\gamma &= (\cos 2\gamma - 1)^2 \\ 2\gamma \sin 2\gamma - \sin^2 2\gamma &= \cos^2 2\gamma - 2 \cos 2\gamma + 1 \\ 2\gamma(2 \sin \gamma \cos \gamma) &= (\cos^2 2\gamma + \sin^2 2\gamma) - 2(2 \cos^2 \gamma - 1) + 1 \\ 2\gamma(2 \sin \gamma \cos \gamma) &= 2 - 2(2 \cos^2 \gamma - 1) \\ \gamma(2 \sin \gamma \cos \gamma) &= 1 - (2 \cos^2 \gamma - 1) \\ 2\gamma \sin \gamma \cos \gamma &= 2 - 2 \cos^2 \gamma \\ \gamma \sin \gamma \cos \gamma &= 1 - \cos^2 \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\gamma \sin \gamma \cos \gamma = \sin^2 \gamma.$$

**Part (d)**

Now solve the previous equation for  $\gamma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \gamma - \gamma \sin \gamma \cos \gamma &= 0 \\ \sin \gamma (\sin \gamma - \gamma \cos \gamma) &= 0 \\ \sin \gamma = 0 & \quad \text{or} \quad \sin \gamma - \gamma \cos \gamma = 0 \\ \gamma = n\pi, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots & \quad \text{or} \quad \sin \gamma = \gamma \cos \gamma \\ & \quad \quad \quad \tan \gamma = \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Solving equation (2) for  $\lambda$

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{2\gamma}{l} \right)^2,$$

we find that half the eigenvalues are determined explicitly by

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{2n\pi}{l} \right)^2, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

and the other half are determined implicitly by

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{2\gamma_n}{l} \right)^2, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $\gamma_n$  are the positive solutions to  $\tan \gamma = \gamma$ . Note that negative values of  $\gamma$  yield redundant values for  $\lambda$ , so only positive values of  $\gamma$  need to be considered.

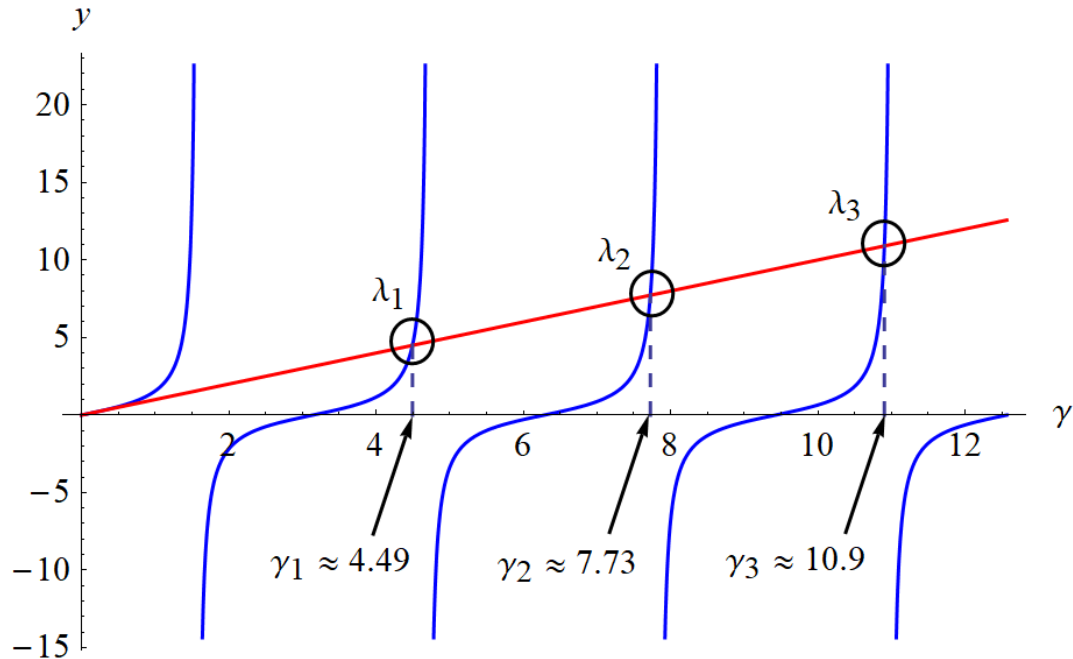


Figure 1: In blue is a plot of  $y = \tan \gamma$  and in red is a plot of  $y = \gamma$  for  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 4\pi$ . The eigenvalues occur wherever the graphs intersect. Because the tangent function is periodic, there are an infinite number of them.

**Part (e)**

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $v(x) = C_1x + C_2$ , so there are two eigenfunctions associated with the eigenvalue.

$$v_1(x) = 1$$

$$v_2(x) = x$$

If  $\lambda = (2n\pi/l)^2$ , then the eigenfunction associated with it is

$$\begin{aligned} v(x) &= C_3 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}x + C_4 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}x \\ &= C_3 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}x + \frac{\cos \sqrt{\lambda}l - 1}{\sqrt{\lambda}l - \sin \sqrt{\lambda}l} C_3 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}x \\ &= C_3 \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} + \lim_{c \rightarrow 2n\pi} \frac{\cos c - 1}{c - \sin c} C_3 \sin \frac{2n\pi x}{l} \\ &= C_3 \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$v_3(x) = \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l}.$$

We had a choice initially of applying the formula for  $C_3$  or the one for  $C_4$ . The formula for  $C_4$  was chosen because using the one for  $C_3$  leads to  $\sin(2n\pi x/l)$ , which does not satisfy the boundary conditions.

If  $\lambda = (2\gamma_n/l)^2$ , then the eigenfunction associated with it is

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(x) &= C_3 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}x + C_4 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}x \\
 &= \frac{\cos \sqrt{\lambda}l - 1}{\sin \sqrt{\lambda}l} C_4 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}x + C_4 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}x \\
 &= \frac{\cos 2\gamma_n - 1}{\sin 2\gamma_n} C_4 \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} + C_4 \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - 2\sin^2 \gamma_n) - 1}{(2 \sin \gamma_n \cos \gamma_n)} C_4 \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} + C_4 \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \\
 &= \frac{-2\sin^2 \gamma_n}{2 \sin \gamma_n \cos \gamma_n} C_4 \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} + C_4 \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \\
 &= -(\tan \gamma_n) C_4 \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} + C_4 \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \\
 &= -(\gamma_n) C_4 \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} + C_4 \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \\
 &= C_4 \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$v_4(x) = \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l}.$$

### Part (f)

Here we will solve the PDE

$$u_t = ku_{xx},$$

subject to the boundary conditions,

$$u_x(0, t) = u_x(l, t) = \frac{u(l, t) - u(0, t)}{l},$$

and the initial condition,

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x).$$

Since the PDE and its associated boundary conditions are linear and homogeneous, the method of separation of variables can be applied to solve it. Assume a product solution of the form  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  and plug it into the PDE

$$u_t = ku_{xx} \quad \rightarrow \quad XT' = kX''T$$

and boundary conditions.

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_x(0, t) = u_x(l, t) &= \frac{u(l, t) - u(0, t)}{l} \\
 \rightarrow X'(0)T(t) = X'(l)T(t) &= \frac{X(l)T(t) - X(0)T(t)}{l} \\
 \rightarrow X'(0) = X'(l) &= \frac{X(l) - X(0)}{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now separate variables in the PDE: bring all functions of  $t$  and constants to the left side and all functions of  $x$  to the right side. The final answer would be the same if all constants were brought to the right side.

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = \frac{X''}{X}$$

Because we have a function of  $t$  equal to a function of  $x$ , both must be equal to a constant. Let this constant be  $-\lambda$  to be consistent with the previous parts of the exercise.

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

The eigenvalue problem for  $X$  was solved in parts (a) - (e). Here we will solve the differential equation for  $T$ . In the case when  $\lambda = 0$  the ODE for  $T$  becomes

$$T' = 0,$$

which means  $T(t)$  is just a constant. When  $\lambda > 0$ , the ODE for  $T$  becomes (after multiplying both sides by  $k$ )

$$\frac{T'}{T} = -k\lambda$$

Write the left side as the derivative of  $\ln T$ .

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\ln T) = -k\lambda$$

Integrate both sides with respect to  $t$ .

$$\ln T = -k\lambda t + C_5$$

Exponentiate both sides.

$$\begin{aligned} T(t) &= e^{-k\lambda t + C_5} \\ &= e^{-k\lambda t} e^{C_5} \end{aligned}$$

Use a new constant of integration.

$$T(t) = C_6 e^{-k\lambda t}$$

According to the principle of superposition, the solution to the PDE for  $u$  is a linear combination of the eigenfunctions  $X(x)T(t)$  over all the eigenvalues. Therefore,

$$u(x, t) = A + Bx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \exp \left[ -k \left( \frac{2n\pi}{l} \right)^2 t \right] \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \exp \left[ -k \left( \frac{2\gamma_n}{l} \right)^2 t \right] \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right),$$

where  $\gamma_n$  are the positive solutions to  $\tan \gamma = \gamma$ . The aim now is to use the provided initial condition,  $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$ , to determine the coefficients,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $D_n$ , and  $E_n$ .

$$u(x, 0) = A + Bx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) = \phi(x) \quad (3)$$

Integrate both sides of equation (3) with respect to  $x$  from 0 to  $l$ .

$$\int_0^l \left[ A + Bx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) \right] dx = \int_0^l \phi(x) dx$$

Split up the integral into four and bring the constants out in front.

$$\begin{aligned} A \int_0^l dx + B \int_0^l x dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \int_0^l \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \int_0^l \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) dx \\ = \int_0^l \phi(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate the integrals.

$$\begin{aligned} A(l) + B \left( \frac{l^2}{2} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \left[ \frac{l}{2n\pi} \overbrace{(\sin 2n\pi - \sin 0)}^{=0} \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \left[ \frac{l \sin \gamma_n \overbrace{(-\gamma_n \cos \gamma_n + \sin \gamma_n)}^{=0}}{\gamma_n} \right] \\ = \int_0^l \phi(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

What remains is an equation relating  $A$  and  $B$  with the initial condition.

$$Al + B \frac{l^2}{2} = \int_0^l \phi(x) dx \tag{4}$$

To obtain another equation with  $A$  and  $B$ , multiply both sides of equation (3) by  $x$

$$Ax + Bx^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n x \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n x \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) = x\phi(x)$$

and then integrate both sides with respect to  $x$  from 0 to  $l$ .

$$\int_0^l \left[ Ax + Bx^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n x \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n x \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) \right] dx = \int_0^l x\phi(x) dx$$

Split up the integral on the left into four and bring the constants in front of them.

$$\begin{aligned} A \int_0^l x dx + B \int_0^l x^2 dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \int_0^l x \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \int_0^l x \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) dx \\ = \int_0^l x\phi(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate the integrals.

$$\begin{aligned} A \left( \frac{l^2}{2} \right) + B \left( \frac{l^3}{3} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \left[ \frac{l^2 \overbrace{(-1 + \cos 2n\pi)}^{=1} + \overbrace{2n\pi \sin 2n\pi}^{=0}}{4n^2\pi^2} \right] \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \left\{ \frac{-l^2 \overbrace{[-\gamma_n + 3\gamma_n \cos 2\gamma_n + (2\gamma_n^2 - 1) \sin 2\gamma_n]}^{=0}}{4\gamma_n^2} \right\} = \int_0^l x\phi(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Proof that  $-\gamma_n + 3\gamma_n \cos 2\gamma_n + (2\gamma_n^2 - 1) \sin 2\gamma_n = 0$  will be given at the end. What remains is a second equation relating  $A$  and  $B$  with the initial condition.

$$A \frac{l^2}{2} + B \frac{l^3}{3} = \int_0^l x \phi(x) dx \quad (5)$$

Solving the system of equations, (4) and (5), yields

$$A = \frac{1}{l^2} \left[ 4l \int_0^l \phi(x) dx - 6 \int_0^l x \phi(x) dx \right] \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{1}{l^3} \left[ 12 \int_0^l x \phi(x) dx - 6l \int_0^l \phi(x) dx \right].$$

Therefore,

$$\boxed{A = \frac{2}{l^2} \int_0^l (2l - 3x) \phi(x) dx} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{B = \frac{6}{l^3} \int_0^l (2x - l) \phi(x) dx.}$$

To obtain an equation for  $D_n$ , multiply both sides of equation (3) by  $\cos(2m\pi x/l)$ , where  $m$  is an integer,

$$\begin{aligned} A \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} + Bx \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) = \phi(x) \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} \end{aligned}$$

and then integrate both sides with respect to  $x$  from 0 to  $l$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^l \left[ A \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} + Bx \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) \right] dx = \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} dx \end{aligned}$$

Split up the integral into four and bring the constants out in front.

$$\begin{aligned} A \int_0^l \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} dx + B \int_0^l x \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \int_0^l \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \int_0^l \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) dx = \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} dx \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate the first two integrals.

$$\begin{aligned} A \left[ \frac{l}{2m\pi} \overbrace{(\sin 2m\pi)}^{=0} \right] + B \left[ \frac{l^2(-1 + \overbrace{\cos 2m\pi}^{=1} + \overbrace{2m\pi \sin 2m\pi}^{=0})}{4m^2\pi^2} \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \int_0^l \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \int_0^l \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) dx = \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos \frac{2m\pi x}{l} dx \end{aligned}$$



The remaining integrals on the left side are equal to zero (as can be verified with the product-to-sum formulas for sine and cosine) except for the term in the first series when  $n = m$ .

$$D_n \int_0^l \cos^2 \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx = \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx$$

Evaluate the last integral on the left.

$$D_n \left( \frac{l}{2} \right) = \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx$$

Therefore,

$$D_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx.$$

To obtain a similar formula for  $E_n$ , multiply both sides of equation (3) by  $F_m(x) = \sin(2\gamma_m x/l) - \gamma_m \cos(2\gamma_m x/l)$ , where  $m$  is an integer.

$$AF_m(x) + BxF_m(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n F_m(x) \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n F_m(x) F_n(x) = \phi(x) F_m(x)$$

and then integrate both sides with respect to  $x$  from 0 to  $l$ .

$$\int_0^l \left[ AF_m(x) + BxF_m(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n F_m(x) \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n F_m(x) F_n(x) \right] dx = \int_0^l \phi(x) F_m(x) dx$$

Split up the integral into four and bring the constants out in front.

$$A \int_0^l F_m(x) dx + B \int_0^l x F_m(x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \int_0^l F_m(x) \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \int_0^l F_m(x) F_n(x) dx = \int_0^l \phi(x) F_m(x) dx$$

Evaluate the first two integrals.

$$A \left[ \frac{l \sin \gamma_m \overbrace{(-\gamma_m \cos \gamma_m + \sin \gamma_m)}^{=0}}{\gamma_m} \right] + B \left\{ - \frac{l^2 \overbrace{[-\gamma_m + 3\gamma_m \cos 2\gamma_m + (2\gamma_m^2 - 1) \sin 2\gamma_m]}^{=0}}{4\gamma_m^2} \right\} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \int_0^l F_m(x) \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \int_0^l F_m(x) F_n(x) dx = \int_0^l \phi(x) F_m(x) dx$$

The remaining integrals on the left side are equal to zero (as can be verified with the product-to-sum formulas for sine and cosine) except for the term in the second series when  $n = m$ .

$$E_n \int_0^l F_n^2(x) dx = \int_0^l \phi(x) F_n(x) dx$$

Evaluate the last integral on the left.

$$E_n \left[ \frac{2l\gamma_n(1 + 2\gamma_n^2 + \cos 4\gamma_n) + l(\gamma_n^2 - 1) \sin 4\gamma_n}{8\gamma_n} \right] = \int_0^l \phi(x) F_n(x) dx$$

Therefore,

$$E_n = \frac{8\gamma_n}{2l\gamma_n(1 + 2\gamma_n^2 + \cos 4\gamma_n) + l(\gamma_n^2 - 1) \sin 4\gamma_n} \int_0^l \phi(x) \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) dx,$$

where  $\gamma_n$  are the positive solutions to  $\tan \gamma = \gamma$ . Finally, it will be shown that  $\gamma - 3\gamma \cos 2\gamma + (1 - 2\gamma^2) \sin 2\gamma = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma - 3\gamma \cos 2\gamma + (1 - 2\gamma^2) \sin 2\gamma &= \gamma - 3\gamma(1 - 2\sin^2 \gamma) + (1 - 2\gamma^2)(2\sin \gamma \cos \gamma) \\ &= \gamma - 3\gamma + 6\gamma \sin^2 \gamma + 2\sin \gamma \cos \gamma - 4\gamma^2 \sin \gamma \cos \gamma \\ &= -2\gamma + 6\tan \gamma \sin^2 \gamma + 2\sin \gamma \cos \gamma - 4\tan^2 \gamma \sin \gamma \cos \gamma \\ &= -2\tan \gamma + 6\frac{\sin^3 \gamma}{\cos \gamma} + 2\sin \gamma \cos \gamma - 4\frac{\sin^3 \gamma}{\cos \gamma} \\ &= -2\frac{\sin \gamma}{\cos \gamma} + 2\sin \gamma \cos \gamma + 2\frac{\sin^3 \gamma}{\cos \gamma} \\ &= -2\frac{\sin \gamma}{\cos \gamma} + 2\frac{\sin \gamma}{\cos \gamma} \cos^2 \gamma + 2\frac{\sin^3 \gamma}{\cos \gamma} \\ &= 2\frac{\sin \gamma}{\cos \gamma}(-1 + \cos^2 \gamma) + 2\frac{\sin^3 \gamma}{\cos \gamma} \\ &= 2\frac{\sin \gamma}{\cos \gamma}(-\sin^2 \gamma) + 2\frac{\sin^3 \gamma}{\cos \gamma} \\ &= -2\frac{\sin^3 \gamma}{\cos \gamma} + 2\frac{\sin^3 \gamma}{\cos \gamma} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Part (g)**

Because of the exponential functions, each of the series in the solution for  $u(x, t)$  tends to 0 as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ A + Bx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \exp \left[ -k \left( \frac{2n\pi}{l} \right)^2 t \right] \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \exp \left[ -k \left( \frac{2\gamma_n}{l} \right)^2 t \right] \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) \right\} \\ &= A + Bx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \left\{ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left[ -k \left( \frac{2n\pi}{l} \right)^2 t \right] \right\} \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{l} \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \left\{ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left[ -k \left( \frac{2\gamma_n}{l} \right)^2 t \right] \right\} \left( \sin \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} - \gamma_n \cos \frac{2\gamma_n x}{l} \right) \\ &= A + Bx \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the formulas found for  $A$  and  $B$  (using  $s$  for the dummy integration variable).

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) &= \frac{2}{l^2} \int_0^l (2l - 3s)\phi(s) ds + \left[ \frac{6}{l^3} \int_0^l (2s - l)\phi(s) ds \right] x \\ &= \frac{2}{l^2} \int_0^l (2l - 3s)\phi(s) ds + \frac{6x}{l^3} \int_0^l (2s - l)\phi(s) ds \\ &= \frac{2}{l^3} \left[ l \int_0^l (2l - 3s)\phi(s) ds + 3x \int_0^l (2s - l)\phi(s) ds \right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the equilibrium (steady-state) solution is

$$\boxed{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = \frac{2}{l^3} \int_0^l [l(2l - 3s) + 3x(2s - l)]\phi(s) ds.}$$